Dear Jim, 6/10/75

Thanks for the brown envelope of clippings (without the Tuler) and the copies of the Lifton letters which came today. I'll have more than an hour to wait for my car tomorrow so I'll read these clips and those from yesterday's and today's papers then. It'll be late but time-saving.

I've decided not to depend on Floyd getting my speech for Friday night retyped and mimeographed to serve as an explanation for the pictures. I'm hoping Lil will get it retyped and that when I have to be in DC day after tomorrow I can give it to you for the other uses we discussed. If Floyd gets it mimeographed, fine.

These letters are the Lifton I knew and contain ample basis for suspicion.

If you read them questioningly, you'll see that you can pick out a number of qualifying words to which he can later return when and if he decides to do the opposite of what he promises. He only seems to promise.

There is a clear enough reading on his intentions. We have told him of the need for what he can get with ease. He has promised it. Today is the end of the 4th week since he wrote that and we still do not have it.

Yet, I note, this is what we say <u>we</u> need, not what his unique genius tells <u>him</u> from the opposite coast we need.

He has not responded to any of my letters.

He has had ample time.

What he wrote me is only self-serving, for later angled reference.

As I read I marked. Possibly with a more careful reading I'd spot more. If you want to understand the Lifton potential go over these markings. I'm sure I'll remember what I meant.

On the first there are five marked places. These range from typical Lifton buttering, of you to a reflection of your having told him to much. Included is a typical esvasion, not "no publicity" of any kind by no "undesireable publicity." Who decides? There is also plain bullshit.

The second begins with the clearly self-serving. In the second paragraph I've marked five words that are pure Lifton. If nothing happens they mean nothing. If something does, they are to be quoted.

What he offers is what has already been done by a better expert than he can command. But he doesn't care about this, hasn t asked, hasn't written to find out. How are <u>our</u> interest, those he pretends to be interested in, served by any repetition of what has already been done?

Where he says he doesn't want to impose on your relationship with me - and in calling you instead of me when it is my case he begins that way - he does not say he does not want to impose on <u>me.</u> When I've told him and everybody I'll be giving this all away he is imposing on me. By any intrusion, no matter how well intended if well intended, he is imposing on me.

If he has no interest "at this point" in doing anything, especially after I've told everyone I'm giving it away, why does he rush in and buy from DJ at greater cost? Before either of us had time to respond. And he held the letter to me a long time and this was a week before he mailed it.

There now is no way of knowing, but in this paragraph I've marked seven expressions that could be vintage Lifton devices. He also pretends to himself this way.

Well, what <u>have</u> you heard from him "As soon as the materials arrive?"

Let me make this easier for you. He says he wants to hear from you about the interrogatories. If and w hen he does merely tell him it is my case, as my lawyer you are bound to respect my wishes, and it is my wish that he go to hell for all of this and that I have told you I want him to have nothing. If he wants to work roundabout and engage in his characteriztic stealing, nothing we can do. But making it easier I will not and he is one of the few people to whom I'll not make any copies available. I'm just not letting myself get fucked up by these farouts, wheteher from nothing worse than arrogance or from something worse. I want accept this kind of doshonesty or the time it requires for me to try to prevent needless harm

If he gives you any flak, tell him two things and tell him they come from me. If he has all this great dedication and all those exceptional friends, why did he not file this suit years ago and why did he wait until we had some successto offer the kind of "help" that is not our immediate need? And that if he doesn't like what I've asked of you, to call me. He can try to argue with me. But he won't.

I wrote Paul and said that I'd let nobody have a scrap of paper without the written promise not to let Lifton have it directly or indirectly and if I didn't then say even know about it I stipulate that now.

It may well be that Paul has not yet had time to receive and answer this. But until we have what between him and me is not anything new, this is my inflexible position.

My past has been loused up with too many enormous wastes of time on silly and wrongheaded things like this. Given my circumstances, my time pressures and many other problems, the effort to simplify my life and eliminate unnecessary burdens means more to me right now than anything else. You will understand this as others do not and cannot. It also is the one way I can be more productive.

I should have to even think of worrying about a Lifton with all the things I can't do?

Each one of these unnecessary developments makes me more anxious to have less to do with anyone else. The amount of good is insignificant when compared with what for both of us is a great cost.

Maybe nothing bad will come of any of this. But I have a long history with Lifton and countless reports of his sometimes even undisguised thievery. While I recognize that he is exceptionally bright, all the indications are that unfortunately he is sick.

But if it does, this time there will be a difference. I now have a lecture bureau booking me. If I feel the need by staying strictly within solid factual statements I'll give him what his unethical behavior has more than warranted for about a decade.

If he can't voluntarily leave me and my work alone or if he wants to help asks me how instead of dictating, I'll give him what he'll never forget. I've never said a word in public but after this I feel no need for any inhibition.

If these people leave me no choice I'll exercise the one I can, the one they leave me, when it is possible.

I'm serious about who gets what for us. I want everybody with reason to have everything. But I want to know and have something to do with who gets what. On this I'm not blindly or without question accepting the judgements of those who have not worn my moccasins.

Sincerely,